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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BERLIN

REF: A) STATE 87696; B) USBERLIN 853

1. AT APRIL 19 MEETING WITH SOVIET CHARGE VASEV, EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS RAISED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BERLIN. HE NOTED THAT DURING A MARCH 29 MEETING VASEV HAD EXPRESSED SOVIET VIEW THAT PROBABLE VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER TO BERLIN WOULD VIOLATE THE 1971 QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT (REF A). LUERS SAID HE WANTED TO CLARIFY TWO POINTS: (A) THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE ITINERARY OF THE PRESIDENT OR IN ANY WAY LIMIT THOSE WHO MAY ACCOMPANY HIM; AND (B) THE USG WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. IN RESPONSE TO VASEV'S QUERY WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WOULD VISIT BERLIN, LUERS SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROBABLY VISIT THE FRG BUT THAT NO SCHEDULE HAS YET BEEN FORMULATED.
- 3. VASEV SAID USSR DOES NOT CONTEND POINTS LUERS MADE BUT IS CONCERNED THAT FRG IS TRYING TO PROJECT THE IMAGE THAT

TRIPS BY FOREIGN C	FFICIALS TO BERLIN	ARE PART OF OFFICIAL
VISITS TO THE FRG.	CHRISTOPHER	

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